

and at times, when he would find him help
less in the streets, would carry him home,
secure his money and apparel, and not un-
frequently, sit up with him during the night,
extending to him every attention which
his situation required. Your Petitioner believes
it was the uniformly faithful & considerate
conduct of Eli, together with the affectionate
regard displayed towards his master on such
occasions, that inspired him with that deep
sense of gratitude, which the direction in
his will, which your Petitioner is seeking to
obey, seems to evince. And your Petitioner
submits to your Honourable body, that the salu-
tary effects of rewarding such conduct in
a slave, with the boon of freedom, will far
outweigh any apprehensions arising from
the increase of our coloured population. Your
Petitioner in conclusion, will remain ~~answering~~ that
if your Honourable body in its wisdom and
~~humanity~~, should see fit to grant the prayer
of your Petitioner, the claiming of ~~creditor~~
can in no contingency be thereby affected
for your Petitioner is satisfied, that after
the payment of debts, there will be at
least between seven and eight thousand
dollars, ~~belonging~~ of the estate of the said
cotton, and your Petitioner will